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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON INGVI INGVARSSON

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1. FS-405 DATED AUG 16 POUCHED TO DEPT. FOLLOWING INFORMATION DRAWN FROM REPORT WITH ADDITIONAL DATA SUPPLIED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

1. INGVARSSON IS A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY APOLITICAL. IN HIS YOUTH HE MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRESSIVE PARTY, BUT IS NOT NOW IDENTIFIED WITH ANY POLITICAL GROUPING. HE IS STRONGLY PRO-NATO AND PRO-US. LIKE MOST ICELANDERS, HE PROBABLY FAVORS EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF), BUT PROBABLY IS CONVINCED BY NATO AND US ARGUMENTATION FOR ITS RETENTION. INGVARSSON SHARES ICELANDIC MAJORITY VIEW THAT CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY 50-MILE FISHERIES LIMIT. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEFEND GOI POSITION VIGOROUSLY. AT SAME TIME HE HAS NO EMOTIONAL BIAS AGAINST BRITISH AND UNDOUBTEDLY FAVORS NEGOTIATION OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE, PENDING LOS CONFERENCE RESOLUTION OF QUESTION.

3. INGVARSSON ENJOYS RESPECT AND LIKING OF BOTH SUPERIORS AND SUBORDINATES AT MFA. HE HAS FILLED POSITION OF DEPSECGEN OVER PAST TWO YEARS EFFICIENTLY AND DISCREETLY. HE IS DISTANT COUSIN OF FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON, WHO HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT AN AMBASSADORIAL

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APPOINTMENT FOR HIM. HOWEVER THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT

INGVARSSON WOULD HAVE RECEIVED AMBASSADORSHIP IN ANY CASE PURELY ON BASIS OF MERIT. HIS EXPERIENCE IN NATO AND FAMILIARITY WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MAKES APPOINTMENT TO UN A LOGICAL ONE.

4. INGVARSSON HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS SPARE TIME WHILE IN REYKJAVIK REDECORATING AN OLDER HOUSE WHICH HE BOUGHT UPON RETURNING FROM BRUSSELS. HE IS AN OUTDOORSMAN, FOND OF CAMPING. DURING LAST SUMMER HE DROVE AROUND ICELAND CAMPING ALONG THE WAY.

5. INGVARSSON IS YOUTHFUL IN APPEARANCE, POLISHED, AMIABLE AND SOFT-SPOKEN. HE HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR AND IS COMPLETELY AT EASE SOCIALLY, BUT IS ESSENTIALLY A RESERVED MAN WHO CHERISHES HIS CLOSE FAMILY LIFE. BOTH HE AND MS. INGVARSSON (FORMERLY HOLMFRIDUR JONSDOTTIR) SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH AND DANISH. THEY HAVE ONE DAUGHTER AGED 17. IRVING

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